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SUBJECT: ECONCOM IX FOLLOW-UP

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER MET WITH DIRGEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU FOREIGN OFFICE OKAWARA JULY 20 FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF RECENT ECONCOM. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PRINCIPAL TOPICS COVERED:

2. OKAWARA, WHO HAD MET WITH FORMIN OHIRA PREVIOUS DAY, STATED THAT OHIRA MOST SATISFIED WITH RESULTS ECONCOM IX. OKAWARA NOTED THAT OHIRA HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR FORCEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH SECRETARY ROGERS PLAYED THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE AND HIS PERSONAL PLEASURE WITH THEIR ASSOCIATION. OKAWARA FELT THAT ECONCOM IX HAD CLEARLY PROVEN VALUE OF THIS TYPE OF US-JAPAN CABINET-LEVEL MEETING, BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER HOW IT MIGHT BE IMPROVED. HE TENTATIVELY THINKING ALONG LINES OF REDUCING SIZE OF MEETING IN ORDER TO SHARPEN FOCUS, ALLOW MORE TIME FOR FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND REDUCE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS.

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OKAWARA ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING NAME TO SIMPLY

QUOTE US-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING UNQUOTE TO SIGNIFY
BROADER SCOPE OF DISCUSSIONS AND GIVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY
TO AGENDA. SNEIDER STATED US SIDE ALSO HAD FELT PRESENT
FORMAT TOO LARGE AND CUMBERSOME AND HE SUGGESTED THAT BOTH
SIDES ATTEMPT TO WORK UP WITHIN NEAR FUTURE SOME CONCRETE
SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. OKAWARA INDICATED THAT GOJ EAGER TO FOLLOW UP ON ECONCOM
DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES FOR BILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS
IN ENERGY FIELD. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT CHANNELS
THROUGH WHICH THIS MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT, UNDOUBTEDLY
REFLECTING FOREIGN OFFICE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF
POLICY ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM WHILE LEAVING MORE TECHNICAL
ASPECTS TO MITI AND OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED. SNEIDER SAID
US HOPED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH JOINT R&D PROGRAM. IT CLEAR
FROM OKAWARA'S REMARKS THAT GOJ HOPES TO MOVE OUT QUICKLY
TO DEVELOP SOME SORT OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

4. WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE PROCUREMENT, SNEIDER,
FOLLOWING UP ON SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO OHIRA DURING THEIR
COUNTERPART MEETING, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GOJ EXPANDING
SCOPE OF ITS PROCUREMENT FROM U.S. EVEN WITHIN FOURTH
DEFENSE BUILDUP PLAN. OKAWARA AGREED THAT THIS MATTER
SHOULD BE PURSUED ACTIVELY IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN
OFFICE (DEPUTY VICE MINISTER TOGO AND HIMSELF) AND EMBASSY.

5. SNEIDER ALSO REFERRED TO ROGERS-OHIRA DISCUSSION OF
VIETNAM ASSISTANCE AND REITERATED SECRETARY'S STRONG HOPE
THAT GOJ WILL MAKE APPRECIABLE CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR TO
ASSIST GVN IN MEETING URGENT REQUIREMENTS. OKAWARA SAID
THAT FONOFF NOW ACTIVELY DISCUSSING MATTER WITH MINISTRY
OF FINANCE. HE SEEMED REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT GOJ
WOULD BE ABLE COME FORWARD WITH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL BY
TIME OF SUMMIT MEETING. HE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION
THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS SMALL PART OF GOJ PROGRAM WOULD
HAVE TO GO TO NORTH VIETNAM BUT THAT MOST WOULD BE DIRECTED
TO SOUTH.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, OKAWARA MENTIONED THAT ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM HAS
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INCREASED PRESSURES FOR PROVIDING ECONOMIC AID TO NORTH

KOREA, INCLUDING EXTENSION OF EX-IM BANK CREDITS; THIS
IN TURN HAS STRENGTHENED PRESSURES FOR EXTENSION OF EX-

IM CREDITS TO CUBA. SNEIDER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN
ASKED BY SECRETARY TO CONVEY TO VICE MINISTER HOGEN USG
URGENT REQUEST THAT GOJ MAKE NO CHANGE IN PRESENT PATTERN

OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING EXTENSION OF EX-IM CREDITS OR SENDING OF OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER WE ARE ABLE TO ASSESS EVOLUTION OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA SESSION. AS FOR CUBA, SNEIDER REITERATED OUR HOPE THAT GOJ WOULD NOT EXTEND CREDITS AT THIS TIME AND SAID WE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOJ ON THIS MATTER.

7. TURNING TO CONSIDERATION OF FORTHCOMING SUMMIT, OKAWARA SAID THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF COMPLETING AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN JOINT STATEMENT. SNEIDER EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, URGED OKAWARA TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SOME CHANGES IN PRESENT DRAFT AGREEMENT. OKAWARA SAID HE HAS LOOKED INTO MATTER THOROUGHLY AND SEES NO NEAR-TERM RESOLUTION OF SUBSTANTIVE AND BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS SURFACED BY VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED. OKAWARA FELT IT BETTER TO TAKE TIME REQUIRED TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS THAN TO PRODUCE WATERED DOWN AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR SUMMIT. SNEIDER AGREED.
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